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United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988, 44/175 of 19 December 1989, 45/219 of 20 December 1990 and 46/180 of 19 December 1991,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, 2/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee on the Institute,

Recognizing the steps taken by the Secretary-General to restructure the Institute for the purpose of implementing in New York and Geneva innovative and cost-effective programmes that would respond to the new challenges facing the United Nations,

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Acknowledging that a restructured Institute should continue, as a distinct and separate entity, to satisfy the growing training needs of Member States and the staff in the United Nations system, including the intersectoral analysis, assessment and policy-making issues related to sustainable development in order to develop a more structured relationship with national and international institutions,

Further acknowledging the continued relevance of the Institute in providing training in multilateral diplomacy, including negotiation and conflict-resolution training (economic, commercial, political, environmental etc.), natural resource management and operational activities, peace-keeping and peacemaking in close collaboration with all United Nations departments and offices concerned, optimal utilization of information systems and accessibility to United Nations databanks by all States, and programmes aimed at enhancing the conceptual understanding of the new integrated approaches to global problems where the United Nations is called upon to provide solutions across the political, economic and social spectrum, and upon request, to identify training needs which are not met by other bodies within the United Nations system,

1. Decides that, in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research building will be immediately transferred to the United Nations in return for the cancellation of its debt and that coverage of its financial obligations for 1992 as well as the cost of all transitional arrangements will be assumed by the United Nations. In the event that the headquarters of the Institute are moved to Geneva, a streamlined office for training purposes will be retained in New York, in accordance with the recommendation of the high-level consultant and approved by the Board of Trustees;

2. Further decides that the New York office should be given the necessary facilities and sufficient authority to accommodate fully the proven training programmes designed to meet the needs of member States in the fields of multilateral diplomacy, peace-keeping, peace-building and peacemaking, full-time senior fellows conducting research activities, and of the restructured programmes in economic and social training organized in cooperation with the World Bank's Economic Development Institute;

3. Also decides that the funding of the Institute's administrative budget and training programmes will in future be covered from voluntary contributions, special-purpose grants and executing agency overheads, but that in 1993, during the transitional period, arrangements will be made for the provision of a grant from the United Nations regular budget to carry out the programmes referred to above;

4. Similarly decides that the cost of training programmes made at the specific request of the United Nations and of other United Nations organs and specialized agencies should be covered by the requesting organizations;

5. Further decides that the proposal of the Secretary-General to work out a closer association between the Institute and the Turin Training Centre for the purpose of transferring the bulk of training activities to Turin needs further examination in order to ensure that such a transfer is genuinely cost-effective, financially sound and in the best interests of participating member States;

6. Urges member States to contribute to the General Fund of the restructured United Nations Institute on Training and Research so as to assure its viability, bearing in mind the uncertainty surrounding its future and the fact that the Institute has been left with an unacceptably low level of resources to conduct its training programmes;

7. Requests the Institute to improve its cooperation with national and international institutions in the field of international relations and scientific analysis;

8. Further urges United Nations funds and programmes such as the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities to improve their collaboration with the Institute in order to better utilize the Institute's expertise and comparative advantage in the field of training;

9. Request the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the arrangements set out above.